



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5931

LCO No. 4815

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF CARTRIDGE
INJECTORS TO TREAT ALLERGIC REACTIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Cartridge injector" means an automatic prefilled cartridge
4 injector or similar automatic injectable equipment used to deliver
5 epinephrine in a standard dose for emergency first aid response to
6 allergic reactions; and

7 (2) "School paraprofessional" means a person employed by a local or
8 regional board of education to work directly with children under the
9 direct supervision of a certified professional employee of such board of
10 education.

11 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-212a of the general
12 statutes, a school nurse, the principal, any teacher, school
13 paraprofessional or coach of intramural and interscholastic athletics of
14 a school may use a cartridge injector in the school, on school grounds,

15 on a school bus or on any school-sponsored trip on any student at such
16 school pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed to practice
17 medicine, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to
18 prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a of the general statutes, or a
19 physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-
20 12d of the general statutes, and the written authorization of a parent or
21 guardian of such child. The use of a cartridge injector by a nurse
22 licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 378 of the general
23 statutes, a principal, teacher, school paraprofessional or coach shall be
24 under the general supervision of a school nurse. No such school nurse,
25 principal, teacher, school paraprofessional or coach shall be liable to
26 such student or a parent or guardian of such student for civil damages
27 for any personal injuries which result from acts or omissions of such
28 school nurse, principal, teacher, school paraprofessional or coach in
29 using a cartridge injector which may constitute ordinary negligence.
30 This immunity shall not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross,
31 wilful or wanton negligence.

32 (c) No local or regional board of education shall deny a student
33 access to school transportation solely due to such student's need to
34 carry a cartridge injector while traveling on a vehicle used for school
35 transportation.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To allow certain school staff members to use a cartridge injector on students, and to provide protection for nonprofit organizations that sponsor programs that may be attended by children who may require cartridge injectors.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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